I.C.P.O. Bulletin

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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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07/12/2012: Ralph, H44RK, is currently active as 5W0W from Apia, Upolu Island (OC-097, WLOTA 1944), Samoa, until 3 March 2013. QRV mainly on 20-10 metres, including some BPSK modes. QSL via NR6M, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. Website: www.qrz.com/db/5W0W [NR6M]

07/12/2012: Rick 'The Locust', K6VVA, plans activity from Berry Islands (NA-054, WLOTA 1903) as C6AVA between 7-11 December 2012. QRV primarily CW on 40/30/20/17m (some SSB). Rick may or may not operate in the 10m Contest depending on propagation at the time. TXRX: 200w TS-480HX (Plus TS-480HX #2 as Backup) ANT: Verticals. QSL only via N6AWD (Fred K Stenger, 6000 Hesketh Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93309 USA). If you QSL via the Bureau you MUST put 'VIA N6AWD' on the card!!! Further information and updates at: www.k6vva.com/iota/na054/ [DX World]

07/12/2012: Russell, G5XW, will once again be active as GM5XW from mainland Orkney (EU-009, IOSA OR01, SCOTIA 0I14, WLOTA 1652) between 7th-11th Dec 2012, no set times or frequencies. He will be touring the island, staying and operating with good friends. QSL direct only to G5XW. [rsgbiota.org]

07/12/2012: Berkin, TA3J, will be active as ON/TA3J from various locations in Belgium from 7-11 December 2012. QRV on 160-2 metre SSB and FM. QSL via his home callsign, bureau preferred. [OPDX Bulletin]

08/12/2012: Steve, 9M6DXX, disappointed with the current poor conditions and high noise level at his home QTH, has booked two night's accommodation at a seaside hotel where he will be able to put up vertical antennas by the sea. Steve plans to be active (SSB only) as 9M6DXX (IOTA OC-088, WLOTA 0119) on 8 and 9 December 2012, using 400 watts to an 80m quarter-wave inverted-L with 50ft vertical section and feedpoint just inches above the sea at high tide. On 10m he will use a vertical dipole, again right on the ocean, and will participate part-time in the ARRL 10m Contest (Single Op, HP, SSB). On the other bands he will use a Butternut HF6V-X with 12/17m add-on kit, elevated about 15 feet above the sea. Steve will be checking 80m SSB around the greyline for Brazil, northern South America, the Caribbean and eastern USA and Canada around 1000 - 1050UTC and 2130 - 2215UTC on both days. He will also look for northern and western Europe on 80m SSB between 1500 and 1800UTC. If propagation is no good on 80m he will try 40m instead. QSL 9M6DXX via M0URX: direct or bureau. You may also use M0URX's OQRS service (www.m0urx.com/oqrs), but since Steve is collecting cards for 5BDXCC he would prefer it if you sent your own QSL card to M0URX either direct or via the RSGB bureau. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW within a few days of the operation. [Pete at the DX-Newsdesk]

08/12/2012: John, AD8J and Doug, W3NO will be running M/S and signing V31NO from Placencia, Belize, in the ARRL 10-Meter Contest (8-9 December). QSL via W3NO. [NG3K]

10/12/2012: Norman, 5B4AIF, plans to be active as E51E from Tautu Village [Titi Ai Tonga] (WW Loc. BH01CD), Aitutaki Atoll (OC-083), South Cook Islands, between

10th December, 2012 and 5th January, 2013. Operating holiday style from a villa using basic antennas, primarily on SSB and RTTY. Some slow CW is possible. QSL via EB7DX. Website: aitutaki2012.com/ [DX World]

10/12/2012: Makoto, JI5RPT, will once again be active as JD1BLY from Chichi-jima (AS-031, WLOTA 2269, JCG 10007, Grid Loc. QL17), Ogasawara, from 10-13 December 2012. Plans are to be QRV on 40-10m + Satellite, using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or JARL bureau. [NG3K]

12/12/2012: Heli, DD0VR and Bigi, DE3BWR will be visiting Vietnam between 12 December 2012 and 4 January 2013. During this time, they will visit places such as Cat Ba Island (AS-132), Hue, Danang, Nha Trang, Mui Ne, Can Tho, Phu Quoc Island (AS-128, WLOTA 2523) and the capital Ho Chi Minh City. The callsign XV0VR has been issued with plans to be QRV on 20 to 10 metre CW and SSB. QSL via DD0VR direct or via the DARC QSL bureau. [DX World]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

18/12/2012: Werner, DC8QT, will visit the island of Mahe (AF-024, WLOTA 3286, WW Loc. LI75SH), Republic of Seychelles, between 18 December 2012 and 7 January 2013. Look for him to be QRV holiday style as S79QT on 40-10 metre SSB, RTTY and PSK31 with 100W out of an IC-7000 to vertical antennas. QSL to home call, direct or via the DARC bureau. Website: www.qrz.com/db/DC8QT [rsgbiota.org]

23/12/2012: Look for Michael, 5P1KZX (EPC member #19406), to be active from Frederikshavn, Vendsyssel-Thy / Nordjylland [aka North Jutland] (EU-171, DIA NJ-001, WW Loc. JO57GK) from 23 December 2012 until 9 January 2013. Activity will be on all HF bands, mainly using the Digital modes. Michael will try to be active on the 160m band from EU-171 during Christmas 2012. QSL anyway you like - LoTW, eQSL.cc - paper QSL via the bureau or direct with SASE/SAE + sufficient postage. Website: www.qrz.com/db/5P1KZX [rsgbiota.org]

23/12/2012: Special event station 8N119T will be active on all HF bands and modes between 23 December 2012 and 25 March 2013 to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Tokyo Fire Department. (119 is the emergency number in Japan for ambulance/fireman). QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

04/01/2013: Francis, F6BLP, will once again be active as 6W7SK from Saly Portudal, Senegal, between 4-18 January 2013. QRV 80-10m, mainly CW. If possible he also hopes to be active on 160m with an Inverted L. QSL via F6BLP, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL. [DX World]

09/01/2013: Mike JA6EGL, Yas JA6UBY and Yu JE6DND plan to be active as T88SM, T88CP and T88HK, respectively, from Koror Island, Palau (OC-009), from 9-14 January 2013. QRV on 80-10 metre CW and SSB. QSL direct to individual home calls. [DX World]

06/02/2013: Roy, KE4TG, will once again (for the 5th year) be active as J38RF from the island of Grenada (NA-024, WLOTA 0718, WW Loc. FK92DD) between 6 February and 8 March 2013. Roy will be on digital JT-65HF, PSK-31 and RTTY on 80-10 metres. Some phone, digital and cw on 60 metres. QSL via home call, direct (QRZ.com). Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [rsgbiota.org]

10/02/2013: Craig, VK6JJJ, will be QRV as VK0JJJ from Douglas Mawson Station (ANARE), Holme Bay, Mac Roberson Land, Antarctica (AA VK-04, IOTA AN-016, WAP AUS-04, WW Loc. MC12KJ). Amateur radio station VK0JJJ consists of a Flex 5000A (SDR) transceiver, Emtron DX-2SP linear amplifier, MFJ-986 Tuner, Heil PR-781 desk mic & Heil Pro Set Elite headset and a Sloping delta loop antenna. Craig will be travelling to the Australian Antarctic Station "Mawson" by the ice

breaker Aurora Australis on 17 January 2013 as an expeditioner on the 2013/14 Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition. Arrival at Mawson station will be on 10 February 2013. He will be wintering at Mawson Station for approximately twelve months, then returning to Australia around January 2014. Whilst there he hopes to be QRO on bands 80m to 6m with a lot of priority given to 6m operation. He plans on installing a 6m propagation beacon to monitor openings kindly donated by David N3DB Secretary / Treasurer of The 6 Meter Beacon Project inc. (www.6meterbeaconproject.org/). Modes will be SSB phone and digital modes. QSL manager will be Steve, VK3ZAZ (Steve Gregory, 39 Gordon Street, Hamilton, Victoria 3300, Australia) - SAE and 1 IRC is sufficient. Website: craighayhow.blogspot.com.au/ [VK6JJJ / VK0JJJ]

22/04/2013: Kilmarnock and Loudoun ARC members Graham MM0GHM, Gordon MM0GOR, Allan 2M0VNW, Arthur MM0DHQ, Jason GM7VSB, Peter GM7AAJ, Paul GM0PJD and Allan GM3OZB will be active as MM0KLR from the Isle of Canna (IOSA NH01, SCOTIA DI21), Inner Hebrides (EU-008) from 22-27 April 2013. Activity will be on all HF bands and modes. QSL via the RSGB bureau to MM0KLR. Direct requests to MM0GHM, with SASE/SAE + sufficient postage. [rsgbiota.org]

01/07/2013: Belgian ops Jean-Pierre ON5JT, Michel ON6QO, Koen ON4CCP, Philippe ON4LEM and Peter ON8VP will be active as OJ0V from Market Reef (EU-053, WFF OHFF-038) between 1-6 July 2013. QRV on the HF bands, using CW and SSB. This activation also counts for the Market Reef lighthouse (ARLHS MAR-001, TWLHD WLH OJ0-001, WLOTA 0542, Admiralty C4472). QSL via ON8VP, bureau or direct. [DX World]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

07/12/2012: Rodrigue, F8DFO and Jeremy, F4DVJ will be active as TM2VD on 7-12 December 2012 and 2-4 January 2013. They will operate CW, SSB and didgital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via F8DFO, direct or bureau. The special callsign is in memory of Robert Delrue (F3VD), who passed away in late August 2012 and was an mentor for many operators. [425 DX News]

08/12/2012: Look for Special Event Station TM1TARA to be QRV from 8-10 December 2012 in commemoration of the scientific campaigns of the French polar boat TARA. The activity will be held by Francois F8DVD, and Sebastien F8IJV, on 20-10 meter SSB during the TARA exhibit from Paris. Special colour QSL card will be printed and sent via bureau or direct (SAE with 1 IRC or 2 USD) via manager F8DVD. Further information at: www.qrz.com/db/TM1TARA

10/12/2012: Look for special event station 8J6HAM to be active on all bands and modes between 10 December 2012 and 3 March 2013 for the 12th West Japan Ham Fair, island of Kyushu (AS-077 WLOTA 0963), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

07/12-11/12 C6AVA: Berry Islands WLOTA:1903 QSL N6AWD (d/B)
07/12-11/12 GM5XW: Mainland Orkney WLOTA:1652 QSL G5XW (d)
07/12 KA3UNQ/P: Sakonnet WLH:K-140 WLOL:USA-718 WLOTA:2782 QSL H/c (d/B)
07/12 KA3UNQ/P: Hog Island WLH:K-077 WLOL:USA-373 WLOTA:1240 QSL H/c (d/B)
07/12 KA3UNQ/P: Musslebed Shoal WLOL:USA-959 WLOTA:1155 QSL H/c (d/B)
07/12 KA3UNQ/P: Bristol Ferry WLOL:USA-087 QSL H/c (d/B)
07/12 KA3UNQ/P: Prudence Island WLH:K-144 WLOL:USA-675 WLOTA:2994 QSL H/c (d/B)
08/12-09/12 9M6DXX: Borneo Island WLOTA:0119 QSL M0URX (d/B)

08/12 KA3UNQ/P: Goat Island WLOL:USA-548 WLOTA:2367 QSL H/c (d/B)
08/12 KA3UNQ/P: Rose Island WLH:K-137 WLOL:USA-703 WLOTA:1164 QSL H/c (d/B)
08/12 KA3UNQ/P: Gull Rocks WLOL:USA-362 QSL H/c (d/B)
08/12 KA3UNQ/P: Ida Lewis/Lime Rock WLOL:USA-398 QSL H/c (d/B)
08/12 KA3UNQ/P: Brenton Reef WLOL:USA-082 QSL H/c (d/B)
08/12 KA3UNQ/P: Brenton Reef L/V WLOL:USA-1129 QSL H/c (d/B)
08/12-09/12 ZF1A: Grand Cayman Island WLOTA:1042 QSL K6AM (d/LoTW)
09/12 KA3UNQ/P: Beavertail WLH:K-014 USA-048/USA-1128 WLOTA:1422 QSL H/c (d/B)
09/12 KA3UNQ/P: Whale Rock WLOL:USA-883 QSL H/c (d/B)
09/12 KA3UNQ/P: Castle Hill WLH:K-014 WLOL:USA-144 WLOTA:1422 QSL H/c (d/B)
09/12 KA3UNQ/P: Dutch Island WLH:K-051 WLOL:USA-250 WLOTA:3862 QSL H/c (d/B)
09/12 KA3UNQ/P: Gould Island WLOL:USA-958 WLOTA:1359 QSL H/c (d/B)
09/12 KA3UNQ/P: Conanicut Island WLH:K-040 USA-185 WLOTA:1422 QSL H/c (d/B)
10/12-3/3/13 8J6HAM: Kyushu Shima WLOTA:0963 QSL JARL Buro
10/12-13/12 JD1BLY: Chichi Shima WLOTA:2269 QSL JI5RPT (d/B)
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6 METRES & UP -

07/12-11/12 ON/TA3J: Belgium - various locations 6/2m SSB/FM QSL H/c (B)
09/12 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon 6m class 0000z-2359z
09/12-13/12 BCC Meteor Scatter Contest CW and/or WSJT/SO/MO 09 2000z-13 0200z
10/12-13/12 JD1BLY: Chichi-jima AS-031 Grid:QL17 Satellites QSL JI5RPT (d/B)
11/12-17/12 NAHSMS Geminids Contest 50-222MHz MS/WSJT/HP/LP 11 0000z-17 0700z
11/12 LY 432MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
11/12 NRAU 432MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
11/12 RSGB 432MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
12/12 MOON Contest 432MHz CW/Digital/FM/SSB 1900z-2100z
13/12 LY 50MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
13/12 NRAU 50MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_dec.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated: 05 December 2012)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFO -

CALL SIGN CHANGE - 5W0W
Hi all after a crazy week and weekend of packing, getting my licnece and moving to Apia, Samoa, I have finally arrived the good news is that I have my latest and permanant callsign 5W0W. After alot of to and fro with suffixes "RK" and "KR".

So all is good that ends well, so they say, so 5W0W it is and have now set up qrz.com <http://qrz.com/> for that. For those of you who made a contact with me on Sunday's ANZA DX net as 5W0KR....well it is a valid one, but if you need a QSL card, I will have to disappoint, but I am sure we will make many more contacts with this final call. Thanks to you all for your understanding.

best 73
Ralph 5W0W

QSLs via Bureau: 9A0QRP, 9A202NA, BD1BYV, BD1ISI, CT2IOV, DA0TTO, DJ0QJ, DK0TT,

DL0TE, DL0YLG, DL1LP/P, DL3PU/P, DR3S, DU1UGZ, EO300H, EW2A, F6HSJ, FM5CD, HB0/HB9LCW, I7UBF, LZ1437MGS, LZ1818MOG, LZ9W, OE3K, OE90B, OM3CFF, OM8A, PD0ME, PP0T, RN0SRR, S52DD, S53EO, S57DX, SO8L, SP2Y, T70A, T77NC, TT8PK, UK6AC, UK7AZ, UK8AKK, UX7QG, XU7TZG, ZA20QA, ZM2AGY and ZP4KFX.

QSLs via Direct: 3D2C (YT1AD), 5H1HS (DL7VSN), 5H1HS/3 (DL7VSN), 6V1A (6W1RD), 6Y9X (KQ1F), 7T50I/P [AF-097 Agueli Island] (7X2ARA), E51AIU [OC-083 Atiu island] (JJ8DEN), EY0A (UA4LCH), KH8/JA2ZL (H/c), PJ7I (JG2BRI), RN0SRR (QRZ.com), SP2Y (QRZ.com), VU3BPZ/P [Bharati Base] (), XX9THX [AS-075 Coloane island] (EA7FTR), Z81D (OM3JW), ZL7A (JF1OCQ) and ZS1TMJ (QRZ.com).

QSLs via LoTW: 4Z5MU, 5B4AJC, 5C5W, 5R8IC, 5U6E, 5X1NH, 9J2CA, A92IO, AP2IA, BD7LMD, CO2JD, CR3A, CT9/CT1FFU, D4C, D2QV, D64K, E77DX, EA8/DL3KVR, EM1KY, FP/VA2WA, HC6EP, HH2B, HK3TY, JW0HR, JW2US, NH2T, OD5ZZ, PJ2T, PJ7PT, PT0S, PZ5RA, S52OP, TI2HAS, TL0CW, TT8TT, UY5AR, VE8EV/P, VP2V/AA7V, XV2KK, YI1RZ and ZK2C.

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LINKS -

IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/

USi (U.S. Islands Award Program) at: www.usislands.org/

WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wcagroup.org/ENG/wcag.html

WWFF (World-Wide Flora & Fauna) at: ww-ff.blogspot.nl/p/wwff-members.html

WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/

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BITS & PIECES -

XR0YG - Easter Island

DATE CHANGE: Between 20-27 March 2013, a team of British hams will be active from Easter Island as XR0YG on all bands 160m to 10m, mainly CW. They will run the HF bands but also plan to work challenging paths on the low bands, emphasis on Europe. The team will use Elecraft K3s, small PAs and vertical antennas. Depending on the space available they will use a beverage or flag for RX on the low bands. Club Log uploads and LoTW uploads will occur daily and OQRS will be available.

Expedition members:

* Michael G7VJR
* Nigel G3TXF
* John G4IRN
* Martin G3ZAY

XR0YG on Club Log (https://secure.clublog.org/charts/?c=XR0YG) [DX World]

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73 and Good DX!

Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ

Home of ICPO: http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/

DX Calendar - Contest Calendar - Lighthouse Activity & much more

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